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## Executive Order No. 16-96

## EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING AN INCIDENT TO EXIST IN GRANITE COUNTY

WHEREAS, turbid water was observed on June 29, 1996 in the vicinity of a drain at the base of the East Fork of Rock Creek Dam; and

WHEREAS, a sinkhole was discovered on July 4, 1996 one hundred feet up the face of the dam; and

WHEREAS, these conditions suggest a possible erosion of the dam: and

WHEREAS, Granite County has committed resources and taken actions to respond to the situation; and

WHEREAS, the availability and utilization of all necessary state government services, equipment and supplies under this proclamation will further the efforts to protect health and safety and to preserve the lives, property and resources of the people of the State of Montana; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation of an "incident", as that term is defined in Section 10-3-103(7), MCA, which requires action by disaster and emergency services personnel, authorizes the

Governor, under Section 10-3-310, to expend funds from the general fund to prevent or minimize loss of life or damage to property or natural resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution of the State of Montana, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and other applicable statutes, do hereby declare that an "incident" exists within Granite County.

This Order is effective as of July 5, 1996.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this ii day of July, 1996.

MARC RACICOT, Governor

ATTEST:

MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State